

YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO BE ABUSED.

If you are being abused:

Find a safe place. Stay with family, friends, or at a shelter.

Use this directory to help you find any services you need.

Remember, you are not alone!

If you have an emergency:

Dial 911

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are injured:

Go to a hospital emergency room or your doctor and tell them what happened to you.

SHELTER PROGRAM

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County (a program of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County)

HOTLINE: (315) 866-0458

Collect Calls Accepted

WEBSITE: www.ccherkimercounty.org

POLICE

For Emergencies, Call 911

Herkimer County Sheriff (315) 867-1167
State Police (315) 866-7111

Local Police Departments:

Dolgeville (315) 429-8231

Town of Frankfort (315) 894-3594

Village of Frankfort (315) 895-7566

Village of Herkimer (315) 866-4330

Ilion (315) 894-9911

Little Falls (315) 823-1122

Mohawk (315) 866-3492

Town of Webb (315) 369-6515

MEDICAL SERVICES

For Emergencies, Call 911

Bassett Healthcare (315) 867-2700
(Herkimer)

Little Falls Hospital (315) 823-1000

HOTLINES

Local Hotlines

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

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YWCA Rape Crisis Hotline (315) 866-4120

Mobile Crisis Assessment Team
(serves both adults & children) (315) 732-6228

Runaway & Homeless Youth
Emergency: (315) 866-1112
Non-emergency: (315) 894-9917

New York State Hotlines

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 1-800-942-6906
CHILD ABUSE 1-800-342-3720
1-800-638-5163 (TDD)

National Hotlines

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 1-800-799-7233
1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

*Safety for you and your children is your right.
If you are confused and need to find help, call:*

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(24-Hour Hotline)
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YWCA Rape Crisis
(24-Hour Hotline) (315) 866-4120
WEBSITE: www.ywcamv.org

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc.
268 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502
HELPLINE (toll-free): 1-877-777-6152
WEBSITE: www.lasmny.org

HERKIMER COUNTY COUNSELING & SUPPORT

Domestic Violence Program
(24-hour hotline) (315) 866-0458

YWCA Rape Crisis Program
(24-hour hotline) (315) 866-4120

Mid-York 211 Helpline Dial 211
(24-hour hotline)

Herkimer Cty. Mental Health (315) 867-1465
MVPC Herkimer Clinic (315) 866-7630
Beacon Center Alcohol
& Drug Counseling (315) 717-0189

Mobile Crisis Assessment Team
(serves both adults & children) (315) 732-6228

HERKIMER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

301 N. Washington Street, Suite 2110
Herkimer, NY 13350 (315) 867-1291

Child Abuse & Neglect 1-800-342-3720

Adult Protective Services
(including elder abuse) (315) 867-1291
Ask for Adult Protective Services

LEGAL SYSTEM

Criminal Court:

CONTACT the police.
CALL the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County at (315) 866-0458 immediately after contacting the police. You can also ask the police to contact the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County for you at (315) 866-0458.

FILE a formal complaint with a police officer. If you can, get and keep a copy of the Domestic Incident Report (DIR).
ASK for help from a domestic violence advocate if you are in any criminal court within Herkimer County. Call (315) 866-0458.

SHOW UP in court when you are subpoenaed. The Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County will advocate for victims and go with them to court.

Family Court:

GO to Herkimer County Family Court. Ask a clerk or a deputy to contact the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County at (315) 866-0458.

FILE a petition in Family Court. A domestic violence advocate can help you complete and file petitions in Family Court. Call (315) 866-0458.

SHOW UP for all your court dates. A domestic violence advocate can go with you to all future court dates.



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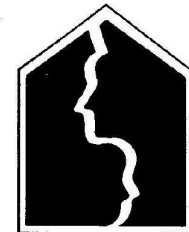


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HERKIMER COUNTY SERVICE DIRECTORY



Q: What should I do if I am hit or threatened?

A: In an emergency, call 911.

Q: How can I stay safe?

A: Safety first! If you decide to leave the abuser, call your local domestic violence (DV) program at (315) 866-0458 for help making a plan to do so safely. You and your children may be able to go to a DV shelter. If you have pets, some shelters will also help you find a safe place for your pets to stay.

Whether you decide to stay or leave, you need a “safety plan.” It could save your life! Call the DV program for help. Update your safety plan every time your situation changes.

Q: What is an order of protection?

A: It is a court order signed by a judge. The order prohibits the abuser from threatening, abusing, or acting violently towards you. It may also require the abuser to stay away from you, your children, your home, your pets and your job.

Q: What court do I go to?

A: There are 3 different courts where you can get an order of protection:

- criminal court
- family court
- supreme court (in a divorce case)

Filing for an order of protection is free.

Q: Do I have to be physically hurt?

A: No. If someone is threatening you or your children by words or actions, you can ask for an order of protection.

Q: Who can get orders of protection?

A: Both men and women have equal rights to get orders of protection.

You may also ask for an order of protection for your children, if they are under the age of 18. In family court, you can file on behalf of a relative by blood or marriage, if you believe he or she is in danger.

Q: How do I get a criminal court order of protection?

A: Call the police and file a criminal complaint with them. Tell the police you want an order of protection, and they will contact the District Attorney’s office.

Q: How do I get a family court order of protection?

A: You can go to family court if:

- you are married to the abuser OR
- you have a child together OR
- you have a blood relationship with the abuser OR
- you have an intimate relationship with the abuser (this includes same-sex relationships)

The first step is to fill out a petition and file it with the family court clerk in your county. Call your local DV program at (315) 866-0458, or ask for help from the DV advocate at the courthouse.

Bring your ID. In your petition, write down what the abuser did. Be specific! If possible, include dates and times when the abuse happened. Write down what you want the judge to do to protect you and your children.

Q: What if I’m already in court for a divorce?

A: You can ask for an order of protection in supreme court, as part of your divorce case. Talk to your divorce lawyer.

Q: If I’m in danger, can I get an order of protection right away?

A: A judge can give you a temporary order of protection right away. To get

one, you may need to go in front of the judge when you file your petition. If family court is not in session, you can get a temporary order of protection from your local criminal court or town justice.

Q: What does an order of protection do?

A: An order of protection can order the abuser not to assault you or come near your home, job, children’s school or daycare, pets, etc. It may order the abuser not to speak to you in person, by phone, mail, text, or e-mail. It may also order the abuser not to threaten you. If you live with your abuser, it can order him or her to leave the home. A family court or supreme court order may also give you temporary custody of your children. If you want permanent custody, you must file a custody petition with the court. NOTE: The order does not give you ownership of your home, or any property you co-own with the abuser.

Q: How long does an order of protection last?

A: A criminal court order typically lasts 1 year, but can last up to 5 years (or even longer, in extreme cases). If you have a “temporary” order, it will expire on a certain date, unless you ask the court to extend it. A family court order typically lasts 1 to 2 years, but can last up to 5 years. You can ask the court to extend the order for a longer time, if you have good cause. If you don’t want the order anymore, you must go back to court.

Q: What should I do with my order of protection?

A: Make copies. Keep a copy at home, at work, in your car, and with a trusted relative or friend. If the order covers your children, make sure their school and daycare have a copy. Include a picture of the abuser with each copy, if you can.

Q: Do I have to wait until I’m physically hurt to file for a violation?

A: No! If the abuser does anything forbidden in the order, it’s a violation. Call the police. Then, you must decide whether to file a violation petition with family court, or go to criminal court to file a complaint, or both.

Q: What happens when the abuser is found in violation?

A: If the abuser violates a family court order, he or she could go to jail for up to 6 months or be fined. If the abuser violates a criminal court order, he or she could go to jail for up to 1 year. If this isn’t the first time the abuser has violated a criminal court order (or if you were physically hurt, or your property was damaged) the abuser could even go to state prison. You can find out when the abuser is getting out of jail by calling VINE-NY at 1-888-846-3469. Visit www.Vinelink.com to sign up for alerts by phone, text, email and TTY.

Safety Tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always carry a cell phone. Put 911 and the police on speed dial. • Change your locks, and always keep your home and car doors locked. • Change up your routine, and try not to go out alone (especially at night). • Keep an emergency box with a trusted relative or friend. Include ID, copies of important documents, clothes, an extra set of keys, credit cards, money, etc. • Give your co-workers, neighbors and friends a “code word” and a special signal (such as pulling down a certain window shade) that means “call the police.” • Get a security system and outdoor lights. • Check out the “Stay Safe” app for your phone at: https://personalapp.staysafeapp.com/ • Install smoke & CO2 detectors at home. • Make a complete “safety plan” with your local DV program, and update it often.